List of various minerals

†1476. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the minerals for which State Governments have to take the Central Government's permission at present; and

(b) whether there is any plan for curtaining the said list in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Prior approval of the Central Government is necessary before grant of Mineral Concessions by State Governments for the minerals included in the First Schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act). These minerals are: *Part A. Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals,* namely coal and Lignite. *Part B. Atomic Minerals,* namely Beryl and other beryllium-bearing minerals, Lithium-bearing minerals, Minerals of the "rare earths" group containing Uranium and Thorium Niobium-bearing minerals, Phosphorites and other phosphatic ores containing Uranium, Pitchblende and other Uranium ores, Titanium bearing minerals and ores (ilmenite, rutile and leucoxene), Tantalum-bearing minerals, Uraniferious allanite, monazite and other thorium minerals, Uranium bearing tailings left over from ores after extraction of copper and gold, ilmenite and other titanium ores, and Zirconium bearing minerals and ores including zircon. *Part C. Metallic and Non-Metallic Minerals* namely Asbestos, Bauxite, Chrome ore, Copper ore, Gold, Iron ore, Lead, Manganese ore, Precious stones and Zinc.

(b) *Vide* amendment notified on 20.12.1999, mineral 'Limestone' has been deleted from Part C of the First Schedule to the MMDR Act. Periodical revision of First Schedule to MMDR Act, 1957 in consultation with State Governments and mining industry etc. is a continuous process.

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